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(இ) எவ்வளவு காலமாக இந்தக் கையாடல் நடைபெற்று வருகின்றது ?

(உ) அதுபற்றி எடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ள நடவடிக்கை என்ன ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (அ) It is alleged that there has been misappropriation of funds in the Co-operative Society.

(இ) & (உ) The matter is under investigation by the Police.

Agencies for Welfare Works (grants)

* 1139 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state when there is a Government Department for the welfare of women and children why the Government are giving grants to other semi-Government and voluntary agencies for welfare work?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The State Government have always recognised the role which voluntary agencies have to play in Social Welfare Work, including the welfare of women and children. The Government, therefore, consider that the existence of a Government Department of Women's Welfare does not render it unnecessary to make Government grants available to such agencies.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Do the Government take any particular care to scrutinize the balance sheet or how the aid which is given to these private agencies and to some Government agencies are spent, whether they are usefully spent, whether there is no misappropriation or any other kind of discrepancy?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Whenever grants are made, steps are taken to see whether they are properly utilised. From the question the hon. Member has put, I do not know whether he has got any instance in his mind where such misuse has occurred. If he brings it to the notice of the Government, it will be looked into.

State functions (religious rites)

* 1140 *Q.*—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : கனம் முதல் அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

சர்க்காரால் நடத்தப்படும் விழாக்களில் மதச் சடங்குகள் செய்யக் கூடாதென சர்க்கார் உத்திரவு பிறப்பித்துள்ளார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No. Sir. It has not been found necessary to issue such instructions, because generally in official functions, rites and observances of any particular religion do not find a place.